Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board

Meeting minutes - Meeting 6 - 13 July 2022



Details

Meeting: Net Zero Emissions and Clean Economy Board Meeting 6

Location: Yuin Room

52 Martin Place, Sydney / Microsoft Teams

Date/time: 13 July 2022, 9AM – 3PM

Chairperson: Dr Kerry Schott

Board members

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Deputy Chair: Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Chief Scientist and Engineer

Katerina Kimmorley

Meg McDonald

Dr Martin Parkinson

Judy Slatyer Peter Warne

Departmental attendees

Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary, Energy Climate Change & Sustainability

Dr Kate Wilson, Executive Director, Climate Change & Sustainability

Cristien Hickey, Director, Climate Change & Sustainability Policy

Sarah Bellinger, Secretariat

Apologies

None

Minutes

1. Agenda item 1 – Welcome and introduction

The Board:

- 1.1 Acknowledged the traditional First Nations custodians of the lands on which the meeting was taking place.
- 1.2 Accepted the minutes of the 8 June meeting with a minor change to the description of the presentation under Item 2.
- 1.3 Re-noted interests previously declared and recorded in the Conflicts of Interest register. No new interests were declared.
- 1.4 Emphasised the need to keep members up to date with which programs are on track, and where any issues may be emerging.

2. Agenda item 2 - Briefing from Professor Tim Flannery, Chief Councillor, Climate Council

The Board:

- 2.1 Noted a presentation and briefing from Professor Tim Flannery on carbon negative technologies, including biological and chemical pathways to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
- 2.2 Discussed challenges and opportunities associated with different carbon negative technologies including discussion of projects underway in North America, Namibia and Greenland.

3. Agenda item 3 - Net Zero Industry and Innovation Program (NZIIP)

The Board:

- 3.1 Noted an update on NZIIP Clean Technology Grants and the Clean Technology Program.
- 3.2 Discussed and provided advice on the projects recommended to proceed to full application for the Clean Technology Research, Development and Commercialisation Infrastructure grants and the assessment criteria.
- 3.3 Discussed and provided advice on additional issues to consider for funding rounds under the Clean Technology Innovation Program.

4. Agenda item 4 - NSW Planning Briefing

The Board:

- 4.1 Noted the briefing from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on the role for NSW Planning in the transition to net zero.
- 4.2 Discussed challenges, constraints and opportunities for emission reduction via the planning system and what role the Board might play.

5. Agenda item 5 - Primary Industries Productivity and Abatement Program (PIPAP)

The Board:

- 5.1 Noted and discussed the briefing from the Department on PIPAP and how it will interact with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Sustainable Farming Program.
- 5.2 Agreed to provide advice on PIPAP and Sustainable Farming in future meetings as their program designs are developed.

6. Agenda item 6 - Discussion on priorities

The Board:

- 6.1 Noted and discussed the forward agenda for the Board.
- 6.2 Noted the recent release of the NSW Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
- 6.3 Agreed that an item on the Department's risk assessment methodology for NSW should come to the Board at a future meeting.

7. Agenda item 7 - Administration and other business

The Board:

- 7.1 Noted and discussed the update on the proposed field trip to Newcastle.
- 7.2 Agreed that the Department should make further arrangements for the trip to proceed.
- 7.3 Noted the update on ways the Department is working with Commonwealth Departments.

Next meeting

Wednesday 10 August 2022, 9AM